

**RE-ELECT**



***Can we afford less than success?***

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It looks like another tough election campaign. The reason for this correspondence is to solicit your help and to outline some things I feel demonstrate our philosophy and our accomplishments. As the County Commission has worked for its objectives we have seen great progress and enjoyed the support of many people, for which we thank you.

It is beneficial to openly discuss the issues faced by our county. I do not want to allow this to be a single-issue campaign.

Economic Development—every politician talks about it but very few do anything about it. Competition is intense for the location of businesses in all rural communities. Economic growth provides several things: more money for necessities and desirables in the family budget with more and better paying jobs, an expanded tax base without property tax boosts, convenient shopping, and much needed business stimulation.

The County is experiencing economic benefits from our participation in the Utah Association of County Commissioners and Metro Utah, a non bureaucratic, non profit agency. Workshops have encouraged business startups and expansion, i.e. the federal procurement bids. The Chamber of Commerce appreciates our support and their cooperation with us has been super.

As Chairman of the Mountainland Economic Development and Travel Council Committees, and as a recently appointed member of the Western Governors Blue Ribbon Task Force for Rural Economic Development, I can contribute greatly to the promotion and development of our county. My legislative experience has enabled me to be effective in obtaining state funds as a committee member and lobbyist for both Metro Utah and the Association of County Commissioners. For example, the improved County Fairgrounds provides local economic stimuli including more sporting activities, horse show, sale of hay, and Veterinarian services.

Through dedication, hard work, and cooperation we have been able to save tax dollars and serve all our people's needs in resolving many complex issues. We fought hard against the pressures of various special interest groups to protect the county's best interests in the construction of highways and bridges including Route "A" and a safe four lane Provo canyon road. I believe that no county funds should be expended on highways that are replacements and I will accept nothing less than what is safe, fair, and needed.

With support from the board of commissioners, we overcame the intense pressures and were able to keep the County Hospital. We now have a secure contract which will provide our citizens expert medical services, needed employment, and retention of the Hospital building which was built with scarce tax monies.

Parks, recreation, county fair, Swiss days, 4-H, pavilion etc. for youth, fishermen's access (Provo River), highway 40, current creek paving, law enforcement, posse, ambulance, weed control, transportation and highways, mental health, and county health departments.

#### Other important areas

Isn't efficiency, transparency, openness, and honesty what government should be about?

1. Make a small monetary contribution to my campaign.
  2. Help register new people and absentee to vote.
  3. Provide word of mouth campaigning by explaining some of my positions on the items listed above.
  4. Help in organizing and calling on voting day.

Four specific ways you can help my re-election bid for County Commissioner are:

Zoning is usually a volatile issue. I am pro-development, but advocate controlled systematic growth. We are presently undertaking the examination and possible changes in our development code—as usual we will require citizen participation and input.

Senior citizens' programs are essential to the well-being of mature citizens. I will give these programs the utmost consideration because they are needed and deserved.

Our County has taken the initiative in a proposed tri-county railroad centred in and operated out of Heber City. The County Commission believes that our local businesses can gain competitive bids to strengthen our economy. I feel strongly that this demonstration shows the great private enterprise system can produce the most cost effective results. However, we should not use county funds to develop this rail system or damage our agricultural economy, which I have championed and protected as a commissioner and legislator.

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